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International airport project at Hyderabad

* 100. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress made so far on international airport at Shamshabad on the outskirts of Hyderabad;

(b) the time likely to be taken to complete this project; and

(c) the details of the funds spent so far on this project and the works completed till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) 50% of the Passenger Terminal Building works, 51% of Airside and Landside work, 70% runway work, 70% of taxiways work and 32% of apron work have been completed.

(b) By the First Quarter of the year 2008.

(c) Funds spent so far is approximately Rs. 846 crores. Till date, works of site preparation and boundary wall have been completed.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

**Commencement of flights by German Airlines between
Goa and Germany**

554. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether German Airlines Condor has commenced commercial flights between Goa and Germany;

(b) if so, the frequency of these flights;

(c) whether these flights will be restricted to the tourist season;

(d) the details of the conditions of license under which the airlines will be operating; and

(e) whether any other foreign airlines have sought permission to operate to and from Goa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Condor is operating 1 service/week each from Frankfurt and Munich to Goa.

(c) Condor's winter schedule 2006-07 has been approved to operate services to /from Goa w.e.f. 1.11.2006 to 24.3.2007. Actual operations by any airline is guided by its commercial judgement.

(d) The schedule of the airlines are approved as per the provisions of the Air Services Agreement between India and the respective countries.

(e) Apart from Condor, the winter schedule 2006-07 of two other airlines namely Sri Lankan Airlines and Transaero Airlines of Russia has also been approved to operate 2 services/week and one service/week respectively to / from Goa.

Reduction in ATF cost

555. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) costs are 70 percent higher in India which work out to almost 40 percent of the total cost input of Indian carriers;

(b) whether Indian airports will soon have ATF outlets operated by global ATF suppliers and if so, to what extent this will help in reducing the ATF costs for Indian carriers; and

(c) whether Bangalore, Hyderabad, Delhi and Mumbai airports are considering the open access model for the supply of ATF and if so, how soon these facilities are likely to be in place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) prices vary from country to country across the world. In India, ATF prices are somewhat higher compared to the international prices. ATF costs as a percentage of total cost, of Indian domestic airline operators varies from operator to operator but is generally around 40%.

(b) At Airports Authority of India (AAI) airports, the companies authorized by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas are being considered and operating. So far no global ATF suppliers have been considered at AAI airports.